



Rural Entrepreneurship
Conference
Ball State University Alumni Center

This important one-day conference will showcase new venture opportunities emerging in the food and agriculture industries and discuss how you can research, plan and fund new businesses to serve one of the most innovative sectors of our global economy.

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**Ball State University
Alumni Center
December 12, 2007
8:30—3:30 p.m.**

For more information please contact
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Registration begins November 2007
Look for additional information soon.

The program offers the opportunity to:

- Hear top venture capitalists
- Learn about new small business services
- Gain insight from innovative agriculture and food success stories
- Network with key investors, customers, rural entrepreneurs, and service providers
- Ask the experts

Initial Speaker Commitments:

Dr. Leonard E. Heller
Bluegrass Angels Venture Fund
www.bluegrassangels.com

Dr. Ron Meeusen
IN Partners, LLC
www.MidPointVC.com

Maria Marshall
Purdue University New Ventures
www.agecon.purdue.edu/newventures/

Dr. James W. Budzynski
BrightPath
www.brightpathcapital.com

Who should attend:

- Entrepreneurs
- Service providers
- Investors
- Economic development officials
- Local leaders
- Educators
- Incubator Staff
- Elected Officials

We hope you will join us for this exciting event!